GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Warehousing Receipt System
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of warehouses registered under the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority;
(b) whether farmers have benefited from the Warehousing Receipt System;
(c) if so, the number of farmers who availed the benefit of the said scheme since its introduction;
(d) whether the Government is planning to extend financial support against Negotiable Warehousing Receipts (NWRs) to Kisan Credit Card (KCC) holders; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): 1,222 warehouses have been registered by the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority till 31.03.2016.
(b): Yes, Madam. As per the extant guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, loans upto Rs.50 lakh are allowed to farmers against pledge/hypothecation of agricultural produce, including warehouse receipts, for period upto 12 months.
(c): Since introduction of Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (NWR) System, total 54,590 NWRs have been issued by the registered warehouses to the depositors, including farmers.
(d) and (e): Government has been extending financial support in the form of interest subvention under the Interest Subvention Scheme to small and marginal farmers having Kisan Credit Card (KCC) for a further period of upto six months post-harvest on the same rate as available to crop loan against negotiable warehouse receipt. Details of the accounts for which Scheduled Commercial Banks have claimed interest subvention on loans given against Warehouse Receipts are tabulated below:-

Sl. No.	Year	No. of accounts
1.	2012-13	666
2.	2013-14	349
3.	2014-15	551
4.	2015-16	143

Note: Claims for 2015-16 are yet to be received.
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